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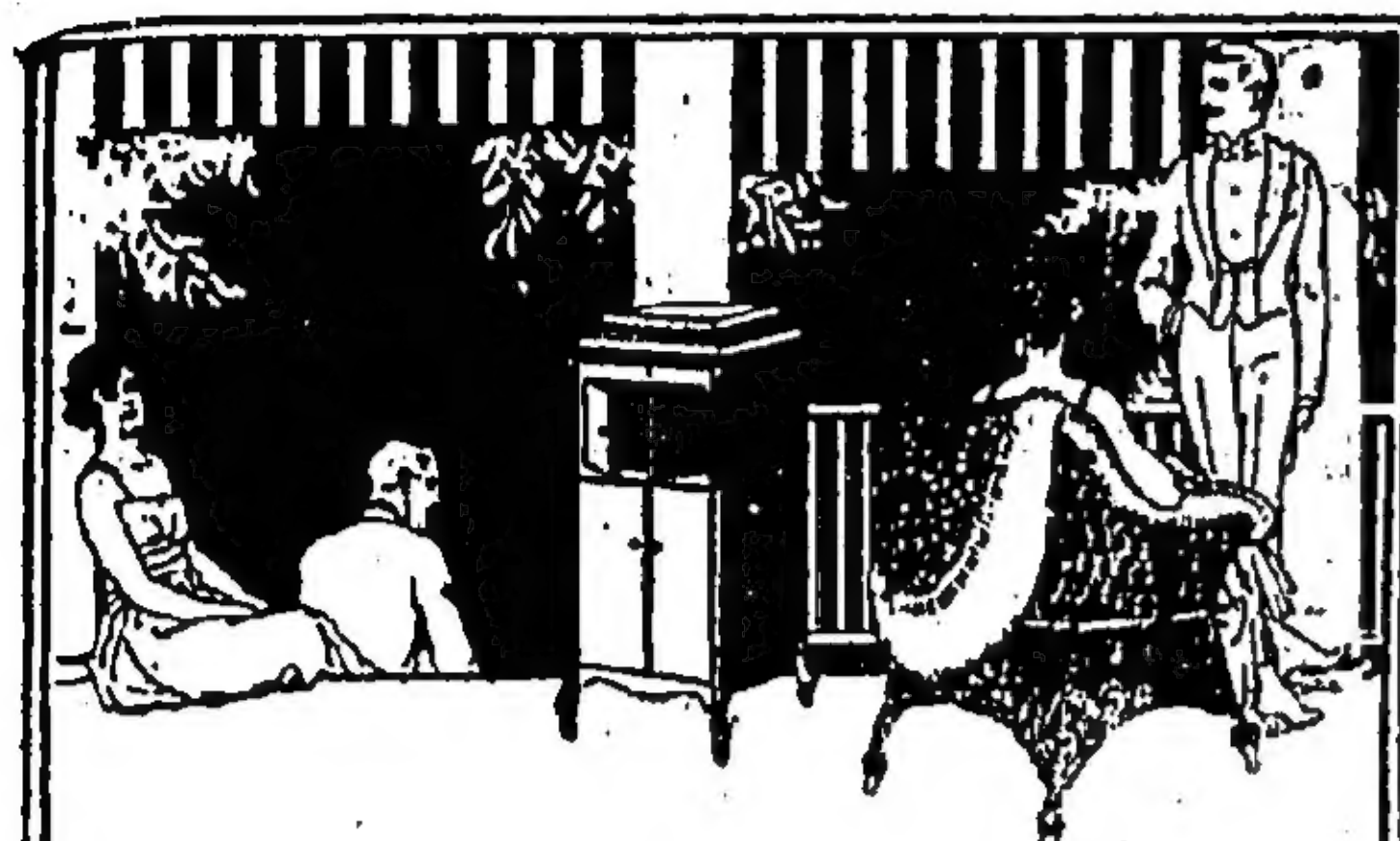
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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SOUTHERN RHODESIAN AND S. AFRICAN UNION.

BARGAIN WITH CHARTERED COMPANY.

LONDON, July 20.
Following on negotiations at Cape Town between the directors of the Chartered Company and the Union Government regarding the terms which will be acceptable to the Chartered Company in the event of Southern Rhodesia deciding to enter the Union at the forthcoming referendum the Chartered Company has called a special meeting for July 28, to confirm the arrangement made with General Smuts. The arrangement, provides that in return for the surrender of its right to unalienated land, railways, public buildings the Chartered Company receive a sum of £9,836,500. The Chartered Company, however, will retain the whole of its mineral and commercial rights and interests and the whole of its investments other than railways. The Crown has waived all claim against the Chartered Co. in respect of extraordinary military expenditure incurred in the war without prejudice to its claim if the incorporation of Southern Rhodesia in the Union is not carried at the referendum. The whole agreement is conditional upon Southern Rhodesia actually forming part of the Union not later than March 31, 1924.

WAGES AT HOME.

PROVINCIAL PRINTERS DISFAVOUR REDUCTIONS.

LONDON, July 20.
A stoppage of the whole printing trade in the provinces is threatened as the result of the action of the Typographical Association in taking a ballot which rejected the award of the Industrial Court on the question of reductions in wages. Sir David Shackleton (Secretary to the Ministry of Labour) told a joint industrial council at which attempts to reach an agreement failed that the Association's repudiation of the award struck at the very roots of wages negotiations and the Ministry of Labour would not further participate in the matter.

MINERS DECIDE TO CARRY ON.

LONDON, July 20.
A conference of the Miners' Federation at Blackpool decided not to terminate the wage agreement on which last year's strike was settled but to endeavour to secure assistance for workmen. The decision is contrary to expectation in view of the depression in industry nullifying the profit-sharing part of the agreement.

REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

REPORTED BRITISH PROPOSAL.

LONDON, July 20.
In connection with the report widely published and enthusiastically commented upon in America that Britain has proposed a reduction of reparations offering in return to remit the debt due to her, Reuter learns that there is much satisfaction in British official circles at the American press view of the British Government's attitude. The Government favours a comprehensive solution of the problem of European indebtedness including both the question of inter-allied debts in Europe and ex-enemy reparations but further announcements are unlikely until the Guarantees Committee has reported to the reparations commission.

IRISH WAR.

IRREGULARS STILL ACTIVE.

LONDON, July 20.
Roving bands of Irregulars are active around Dublin. A goods train on the main line from Dublin to Belfast was wrecked this morning and the Northern service is suspended.

LABOUR PEACE MOVE FAILS.

LONDON, July 20.
The labour party's peace move failed. Only eleven labourites attended the general conference of members of parliament summoned for the morning and it was therefore abandoned.

PRUSSIAN GOVERNORS GET THE PUSH.

Berlin, July 20.
The Prussian Government has retired the provincial governors of Merseburg, Stettin, Coblenz, Ansbach, Aachen, Munster and Bielefeld for failure to suppress reactionary organisations.

RUSSIAN ENVOY TO CHINA.

LONDON, July 20.
The Russian trade delegation in London announces that Mr. Joffe has been appointed plenipotentiary envoy to China.

AMERICA'S INDUSTRIAL TROUBLES.

RAILWAY STRIKE RESULTS.

WASHINGTON, July 20.
The Governors of twenty six coal-mining States have telegraphed to President Harding pledging their co-operation with the Government's effort to reopen the coal mines but the Governors of North Carolina and Virginia have refused to acquiesce in the President's request declaring that there are no labour troubles in their States.

Mr. Hooper, Chairman of the Railroad Labour Board, has announced that all efforts to settle the shopmen's strike have failed.

Sporadic disturbances continue in various parts of the country but they are not sufficiently serious to warrant calling out the militia. The railway strike is leading to the cancellation of many trains and a gradual slowing up of time tables throughout the country.

EFFECT OF COAL SHUT-OUT.

New York, July 21.
The effect of the coal strike is now beginning to be felt by the railways and public services. Manufacturers are reported to be clamouring for coal. At Hampton Roads the dock is almost exhausted and many thousands of tons of shipping are awaiting bunkers. The situation has been aggravated by a shortage of trucks as the result of the railway shopmen's strike.

HORSEHAIR FROM CHINA.

NOT A SINGLE BALE FREE FROM ANTHRAX.

LONDON, July 20.
The danger of contracting anthrax when dealing with imported horsehair and the difficulty experienced in the matter of disinfection was emphasised by Doctor Legge of the Home Office who, in giving evidence at an inquiry, pointed out the danger that came from countries wherein no precautions were taken in the case of animals dying from anthrax, such as Russia, Asia, South Africa and Persia. There was no danger from Australasia or Canada but it was safe to assume that not a single bale of hair from China was free from anthrax.

THE HAGUE HAGGLE.

CONFERENCE'S FINAL ACT.

THE HAGUE, July 21.
The final act of the conference was the adoption of a resolution by all the Governments, including the United States, agreeing not to assist their nationals to acquire properties in Russia confiscated from other nationals without the latter's consent. An earlier resolution was designed to leave the door open to the Russian Government to resume negotiations elsewhere but Litvinoff when interviewed was of opinion that it was no longer necessary to transmit to Moscow the proposals mentioned yesterday since there was nobody left at the Hague to receive the reply. Litvinoff denied that Lenin had been poisoned.

WIRELESS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

MARCONI OFFER FAVOURED.

CAPE TOWN, July 20.
In the Assembly General Smuts in a statement on the wireless position said that the Government were in possession of three schemes—Marconi, Elwells and the British Post Office's. The Government had not yet finally decided but arguments at present strongly favoured the Marconi offer.

DOVER PATROL.

MEMORIAL UNVEILED.

CAEN, July 21.
Unveiling the Dover Patrol Memorial the French Minister of Marine said there was nothing in naval history equalling the valour and self-sacrifice of the Dover Patrol, the monument to which would ever remain an eloquent and pathetic symbol of the Anglo-French brotherhood in arms.

GERMAN POLITICS.

PEOPLES PARTIES' JOINT POLICY.

Berlin, July 21.
Following the recent co-operation between the Socialist parties the Democratic and Centre Parties' parties have reached a common working agreement with the object of stabilising and consolidating foreign and home policy on the basis of the existing republican constitution.

STRIKE ON THE RHINE.

AMSTERDAM, July 21.
River navigation between Holland and Germany is largely held up owing to a strike on all the Rhine steamers and barges owing to a wage dispute.

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Half hour, 20 "

One hour, 35 "

Three hours, 1.00 "

Six hours, 1.50 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 2.00 "

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria,
half fare extra.Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6
a.m. the above fares shall be increased
by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour, 1.00 cents.

Three hours, 1.50 "

Six hours, 2.00 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 2.00 "

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour, \$0.15 \$0.30

Half hour, 0.20 0.40

One hour, 0.30 0.60

Two hours, 0.50 0.80

Three hours, 0.70 1.00

Six hours, 1.00 1.50

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Five minutes, 5 cents

Ten minutes, 10 "

Quarter hour, 15 "

Half hour, 20 "

One hour, 30 "

Every subsequent hour, 30 "

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged
within the City of Victoria, and be dis-
charged outside the Western part of the
City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-
charged to the East of Bay View Police
Station on the Eastern side of the City
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half
fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour, 5 cents

Half hour, 10 "

Hour, 15 "

Every subsequent hour, 10 "

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added
for each extra hour or part
of an hour if the hiker causes
the journey to take longer
than —

To 4th mile—

single 75 cents.....1 hour.

return \$1.00.....2 hours.

Beyond 4th to 6th mile—

single \$1.30.....3 hours.

return \$1.60.....4 "

Beyond 6th to 8th mile—

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return \$2.00.....6 "

Beyond 8th to 11th mile—

single \$2.00.....7 "

return \$2.50.....8 "

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mile to be a matter of previous arrange-
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are charged for at the rate of \$1 each,
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FICTION.

STANDARDS OF LITERATURE.

Pointed criticism by Sir Henry
Newbolt of Dean Inge's strictures on
the love interest of modern novels
was a feature of the speeches at the
annual dinner of the Associated Book-
sellers of Great Britain and Ireland,
held at the Hotel Cecil. Mr. Henry
W. Keay, the president, occupied the
chair.The Lord Mayor (with whom was
the Lady Mayoress), responding to
the toast of "The City of London,"
given by the president, mentioned
his book on the Guildhall,
hitherto limited to private circulation,
was to be published for sale in the
autumn.Mr. John Murray proposed the
toast of "Literature," and remarked,
to the amusement of his hearers, that
so far as he knew no author had ever
spoken of him as "that rugged old
rhinoceros, Murray," in the terms
Byron had used towards his grand-
father. A young author's worst
enemies, he said, were his friends who
filled him with exaggerated praise of
all that he had written. The criti-
cism of literature tended nowadays to
drift into the subject of novels, and
he resented this because the best
literary characteristics of this age
were histories, biographies, manuals,
and books of that class, which were
admirable in every way. The only
way to judge the multiplicity of novels
issued to-day was to go back occasion-
ally and read some of the old ones. Sir
Walter Scott, for instance, or "The
Tale of Two Cities" or "Vanity Fair."
Unfortunately, there were two
standards in literature now: the
standard of merit and the standard of
money. If an author wanted the
standard of merit he might starve,
but if money was his object, and
chance had thrown him into the com-
pany of some of the prominent men
and women of to-day who had spoken
before him with that unrestrained
confidence of present-day life, then
all he had to do was to show them up,
reveal their little peccadilloes to the
public gaze, remove the curtain, or
should he say the duster, from their
private lives; then the author would
probably attain his standard of
money. Whether such books would
live he could not say, but they must
all come under the one rule: that ap-
plied to literature—that the only true
critic was time.

REPLY TO DEAN INGE.

Sir Henry Newbolt, responding,
said there were two, or three, contro-
versial literary going on just now,
and one of these concerned the Dean
of St. Paul's, who had lately under-taken to teach them not only some-
thing of those subjects on which he
was probably the first acknowledged
authority in England, but he had also
undertaken to teach them something
of our times, and what was and ought
to be the trend of affairs in literature
particularly in fiction. His view
was apparently, that in fiction
especially, and in all literature at the
present time there was a good deal too
much love interest, and that the love
interest was a good deal too
violent. He ventured to suggest
that in this matter the Dean
was historically wrong, and could
not justify his position. If Dean Inge
meant that the love instinct in fic-
tion was not strongly felt by normal men,
and if it was strongly felt was easily
controlled, he was putting himself in
to a position of contradiction with
the whole course of human history.In point of fact the love instinct was
the strongest, and by far the most
difficult to control. If this were not
so why was the Trojan War ever
fought? Why did Shakespeare write
most of his plays? And if the Dean
wanted to go farther still he suggested
that he should read the works of
Chaucer, in which he would find that
in the fourteenth century so strong
and so difficult was the love instinct
to control that persons called "sum-
mers" had to be appointed to go into
the parishes of the country and comb
out those who gave trouble in this
matter, and report them to the bishop.We did not do that now, and it was
not for archdeacons to look after the
love affairs of other people, but if
the archdeacons of the country were
consulted the Dean of St. Paul's
would find that the love interest was
really strong, and not so easily con-
trolled. Then there was the ques-
tion of "best sellers." He thought he de-
tected in Mr. Murray's speech the
shadow of reproach against the very
existence of "best sellers." He was
prepared to admit that a half-crown
"shocker" was not as good as a 42s.
biography, but he would remind Mr.
Murray and the Dean of St. Paul's
that the population was not all A1;
there were some who were C3, and
some of those who were A1 in the
daytime were C3 in the evening
after the rushing hours of
business. Low-class persons
were entitled to a literature of
their own, and it did not follow that
because a writer was second third, or
even fifth rate, he was necessarily in-
sincere in what he wrote, or that he
was writing down to his audience.
Very often the more commonplace
book was the more sincere, was its
author. The book everyone had
been talking about lately had the
striking merit that the author meant
what he said, and those people whoMEMORIES OF MAGDALEN
HALL.The appointment of a new principal
of Hertford College in succession to
Dr. Boyd, who recently died at the
age of 91, has, writes a correspondent
in a Ceylon paper, recalled memories
of the older foundation in which the
college was merged. Magdalen Hall
was a refuge for the intellectually
destitute and as such inspired many
legends and anecdotes. One of these
recurs to me from my own
undergraduate days. According to
the story an elderly and married
candidate for Smalls passed a
despairing note to another candidate
who sat next him in the examination
hall. It ran, "for Heaven's sake tell
me the genitive of ego. I have a
wife and three children." In the
same spirit is the once familiar
Limerick which I think originally
appeared in the Shotover Papers.There once lived at Magdalen Hall
A man who knew nothing at all.
He was seventy three,
When he took his degree,
Which is youngish for Magdalen
Hall.

BY HOOK OR CROOK.

Bishop Hook, who is now Chancellor
of Southwark Cathedral, and Mrs.
Hook recently celebrated their golden
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Chancellor was Bishop of Kingston, a
number of invoices were in mistake
sent to him by a local ironmonger, the
bills being intended for a gentleman
named Crook. The Bishop returned
them with the following note:—Dear Sir,—I enclose some bills
which I presume are sent to me by
accident. I sincerely hope you will
get paid by Hook or by Crook.—Yours
faithfully,

Ceil Hook.

thought with him would enjoy read-
ing it. (Cheer.)Miss Sheila Kaye Smith also re-
sponded, remarking that she thought
novelists were inclined to take them-
selves too seriously and forget that
the main purpose of the novel was to
tell a good story. The characters of
some recent novels were frankly con-
temptible, and partly the reason was
because people wrote novels, not in
order to earn money or to win fame,
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AUTOMATIC TELEPHONES.

It has been affirmed, publicly and privately, by persons connected with the local telephone, that the automatic system (which saves so much annoyance to the user) is not suitable for Hongkong because of climatic conditions. On the other hand, an expert told us that this was not true. Anxious to know the truth, we pursued our enquiries, and we believe we now know it. There is no climatic hindrance here to the use of the automatic system. It works well in similar climates, even in places with more humidity and more dust. The real objection to it seems to be that the initial cost of installing it is higher than the cost of the manual system, and ignorance of the developments that have been made, and the improvements that have attended those developments. We were told that in many places the automatic is being discarded in favour of the older system. This is flatly contradicted by statistics showing that the automatic now reigns in eighty per cent. of the world's telephone exchanges. However, if the "climatic" objection can be disposed of, no valid objection can remain to a system that is admittedly a great improvement, from the public or users' point of view, on the more old-fashioned manual systems. As the Hongkong system is to be changed in any case, might as well be changed to the best available; and the one objection that has hitherto silenced local advocates of the automatic system is that it is unsuitable to the climate. That there is nothing in this objection we are at last convinced, by the fact now to be outlined. The local company as it is has to use an "air conditioner" or "blower" to keep its switch board in working order.

The parts of the switches "sweat" and so collect dust, which clogs their movements. That is what they mean when they say that the "climate" is against the automatic. It is, on the evidence of their present apparatus, just as much against the manual. Now, if we were to argue that they could use the "blower" to the automatic just as well as they can to the manual, we would be on a perfectly good logical wicket. We could still claim that they would gain the advantages of the automatic, which eliminates the human errors that so provoke us now. But it is not necessary to use that argument. We have a better case. The fact is that the automatic equipment has been improved to meet this difficulty, and is meeting it successfully in climates as "unbearable" as ours, indeed, in climates worse than ours. The formerly exposed apparatus is now done away with, and enclosed switches are used.

Prior to 1906 Automatic switches were designed without covers, so that naturally when the air was humid, the moisture condensed on the switches and held any dust that settled on them. Since that time gradual improvements have been made in that respect, until now the working parts of all automatic switches are absolutely dustproof, each major switch, (selectors, connectors, etc.) being protected by an individual dusttight cover. Experts declare, on the strength of many successful installations in climates like ours, that with these up-to-date improvements the "air conditioning" apparatus is no longer necessary. Enamel insulation of cable and wiring meets the worst known conditions of humidity. In Cuba and in Hawaii they use air conditioning apparatus with the automatic, admittedly as an extra precaution, to ensure the best results. The steamer "Orizaba," plying between Mexico, Cuba, and Spain, has a fifty-line automatic switchboard in the engine-room, where the humidity is worse than in Hongkong. It uses no air conditioner, and reports satisfactory working. After this, it will be necessary, if the objection to letting us have the advantages of the automatic here is to be sustained, to find some excuse other than the logic of climatic difficulty.

BASEBALL GAME, SATURDAY,
HAPPY VALLEY.
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
vs.
HONGKONG.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

QUARTERLY MEETING HELD.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DISCUSSED.

Many matters of general public interest were discussed last evening at the City Hall, when the quarterly meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held. The Chairman, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, made a speech reviewing recent outstanding events in local commercial circles. Sympathetic references were made to the death of Mr. Lau Chu Pak and Dr. Wu Ting Fang. Regarding the latter the Chairman said "We are proud to think that Dr. Wu Ting Fang was educated and brought up in Hongkong." Speaking of the events of the past quarter Mr. Lang referred to the visit of the Prince of Wales. Industrially, he hoped they would all agree to work together in harmony. The piece goods and rice export trades were mentioned as well as the Peak Hospital. The Chamber has decided that at present nothing can be done in the matter of maintaining the hospital. Members were reminded that the Ex-Enemy Aliens' Restriction Ordinance expires next month. The Government is not renewing it. The telephone question and the Chambers' language school were also mentioned.

The attendance was:—Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, (Chairman); Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Vice Chairman); Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. A. S. D. Couland, Mr. G. M. Dodwell, Mr. C. Montague Ede, Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Major R. B. Young and Mr. D. K. Blair (Secretary). The following firms were represented: Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co. (Mr. J. M. Alves), Arculli Bros (Mr. V. Currim), Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. (Mr. N. L. Watson and Mr. W. H. Bell), Arnold Bros & Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. Monteith Webb), Bradley & Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. W. Hill), British American Tobacco Co., Ltd. (Mr. H. E. Parkinson), Butterfield and Swire (Mr. G. M. Young), Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. (Mr. C. C. Boyd), Carters (Mr. B. D. Crawford Morgan), Mr. Chau Yue Tong, China Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. H. S. Bennett), China Light and Power Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson), China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson), Chun On Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. N. Chan), Deacon Looker, Deacon and Harston (Mr. W. E. L. Shenton), Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Dodwell), Eastern Extension Australasia & China Tel. Co., Ltd. (Mr. M. E. F. Airey), Fung Tang (Mr. Wong Tak-kwong), Gibb Livingston & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. L. J. Davies), Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson), Gerin Drevard & Co. (Mr. C. S. Roselet), T. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. P. A. Dixon), A. & S. Hancock (Mr. E. L. Sim), Holland China Trading Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. W. van Andel), Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. Arnold), Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. P. R. Marsh), Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson), Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (Mr. A. H. Barlow), J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. J. E. Pearce), Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. G. M. Bernard), P. A. Lapique & Co. (Mr. L. Maurin), Lowe, Bingham & Matthews (Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe), A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd. (Mr. Wong Onkut and Mr. M. A. Williams), Mustard & Co. (Mr. J. H. Scott), New Zealand Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. Sinclair), Reiss & Co. (Mr. W. Sinclair), Robertson, Wilson & Co. (Mr. G. W. Sewell), Alex. Ross & Co. (Mr. A. S. D. Couland), J. M. Da Rocha & Co. (Mr. J. M. da Rocha), Rudolf, Wolf & Kew, Ltd. (Mr. A. E. Kew), David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith), E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. H. Dutton), Shewan Tomes & Co. (Mr. W. Adamson), Shui On S.S. Co., Ltd. (Mr. Chan Siu-ki), Union Trading Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. M. Chorn), Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. C. Montague Ede), United Asbestos Oriental Agency Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. C. Shiner) and Henry Wicking & Co. (Mr. J. Owen Hughes).

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang said:—Gentlemen,—Since the last general meeting of this Chamber, the Colony by the death of the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak—has lost a valued citizen and one who for many years presided over the deliberations of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Hongkong. Our sympathies go out to members of that body in the loss they have sustained, for we, too, had ample opportunity of appreciating the high quality of Mr. Lau Chu Pak's services. No one did more than Mr. Lau to promote friendly relationships and a good understanding between Chinese and other Nationals, and I feel sure every section of the community deplores his untimely death. China as a whole has recently suffered a great loss through the death of Dr. Wu Ting Fang, whose name will go down in history as that of a patriot who gave his best for China, in whose service he died. We are proud to think that Dr. Wu Ting Fang was educated and brought up in Hongkong.

You will expect me to give a resume of the work of the Chamber since last we met. It will not be necessary for me to do so at great length because, by the courtesy of the *Daily Bulletin* and the local Press, periodical publication has been made of the many subjects dealt with. Other questions, which have occupied much of the time of your Committee, cannot conveniently be mentioned either because they are still the subject of negotiation or because they are of a confidential character. A great deal of the work comes under the latter category but, having entrusted to your Committee the responsibility of dealing with it, I am sure you will be content to leave it in their hands. I can assure Members of the Chamber, from my own observation, that they are well served by their Committee; individual Committee members are ready at all times to contribute their particular experience to the common cause and, on occasion, to conduct special investigations and present reports which are of the utmost value.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS.

You will no doubt agree that the present year, so far as it has gone, has been an eventful one in the history of Hongkong. We have had many distractions—pleasant and otherwise. The visit of the Prince of Wales leaves memories that will not be easily effaced, and looking backward, we may confidently claim that Hongkong rose to the occasion in its welcome of His Royal Highness.

Industrially, the excitement of the first few months of the year were kept up for a time by minor Labour Disputes, but I am glad to say outstanding differences have now been adjusted and it is to be hoped that in future we may all agree to work together in harmony.

STANDARD CONTRACTS.

The Fancy Piece Goods Standard Form of Contract, which became effective after the General Meeting of the Chamber held last August, has been the subject of correspondence with the Chinese Piece-Goods Guild. The Guild suggested amendments amounting virtually to a return to the cumbersome form of contracts formerly used by importers in the Colony. The standard form of contract, in the opinion of most of us, had very satisfactorily replaced these. The Piece Goods Sub-Committee of this Chamber recently held a conference with the Guild and afterwards explained in detail why the proposed amendments to the standard form of contract were not acceptable. The principal alteration proposed, viz.—buying for arrival instead of for shipment, would involve a change in the prevailing practice of the trade throughout the whole of China as well as in India and elsewhere in the East. The Chinese Piece Goods Guild has now responded the matter and our Piece Goods Sub-Committee whilst adhering firmly to the main points of the contract, has offered to meet the views of the Guild in regard to certain minor points. These are a request that on arrival of the goods the importer will inform the dealer in writing, giving certain particulars in respect of the cargo, and that the standard form of contract shall bear a Chinese translation of the English version.

CHINA CONTRACT.

The Chamber has been in communication with Shanghai regarding the "China Contract" as proposed by the Manchester and Bradford Chambers of Commerce, for use between suppliers in the United Kingdom and importers on this side. The Piece Goods Sub-Committee has agreed to follow the lead of Shanghai in this matter, and hopes soon to be in a position to place full details before members interested in the piece goods trade.

PIECE GOODS STOCK.

In the opinion of all, there has never been such a period of slackness in piece goods as at the present time; dealers cannot move goods, even at a loss. Business has been bad for so long that there must be a shortage of supplies in the interior, and as China has always shown marvellous recuperative powers it is to be hoped

the present will be no exception to the rule, and that—long normal trading conditions will be restored.

RICE.

During the earlier part of the year the Rice Export Trade was poor as compared with the previous three years, owing to the continued financial difficulties in Cuba, which island, as we all know, is our chief outlet. When enquiries did begin to come through, local labour troubles cramped operations. Just recently, and at a time when business in fair quantities seemed probable, the strike of rice coolies again clouded the horizon. This latter trouble has now been settled on terms favourable to the native dealers, and during the past two months considerable shipments have been effected. It is very gratifying to be able to say that, given due care and attention by local exporters, there is no port in the East that can handle rice to better advantage and with more satisfaction to the ultimate consumer than Hongkong. One hopes that all concerned will do everything possible to maintain the fair name of Hongkong in this important trade, which has its special problems, and exporters can always count on the sympathetic consideration and support of the Chamber in connection with any difficulties that may arise.

PEAK HOSPITAL.

During the past quarter your Committee has had under consideration, once more, the question of the Peak Hospital. The medical gentlemen who manage the hospital felt themselves unable any longer to conduct this public service, which has generally involved them, I understand, in financial loss, but they were prepared to discuss suggestions whereby the hospital could be kept open for the next three years, until the War Memorial Nursing Home is ready. These proposals were briefly—a guarantee for the next three years of 7 per cent. per annum on the paid up capital of \$108,000, a guarantee against loss should the sale of the property properly produce a less sum in three years' time than its present certified value, maintenance of the premises and reimbursement of any loss on Working Account. These proposals may be reasonable, but unfortunately there is an unlimited liability, a risk which members of your Committee do not feel inclined to accept. As a matter of fact our Secretary made personal calls on certain firms with a view to ascertaining their views but results were far from encouraging and it was therefore decided to notify Dr. Marriott, representing the owner, that as far as the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce is concerned nothing can be done in the matter of maintaining the Peak Hospital during the period of inter-regnum, besides which the opinion seems general that the Government should meet any temporary emergency which may arise. The question, I understand, is now engaging the attention of the Government.

EX-ENEMY ALIENS.

I may remind members of the Chamber that the Ex-Enemy Aliens Restriction Ordinance, passed on the 29th August, 1919, expires next month. Under that enactment no former enemy alien can come to or be within the Colony of Hongkong unless he has a permit from the Colonial Secretary. The Ordinance was passed to bring this Colony into line with the rest of the British Empire and it was to remain in force for three years. I understand from the Hongkong Government that, in accordance with Imperial policy on this question, the Ordinance will not be renewed.

I feel it is incumbent upon me to commend very earnestly to members of the Chamber, and to all commercial men with whom the Chamber has any influence, the appeal about to be issued by the University of Hongkong for funds towards an adequate endowment of that institution. Recognising that education in South China has a special claim upon us, and that trade interests and the promotion of international friendship are closely bound up with this question of the furtherance of education in China I would urge all concerned to go into the matter of their contributions to the University with scientific care and to spread their grants over a series of years so that they may give to the full extent of their ability.

EDUCATION.

While on the subject of education I would like to bring to the notice of the younger members of the community, especially the Chinese Language School conducted by that distinguished scholar, Dr. Pearce, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Just at present the school is being run at a loss through scarcity of students and it is therefore hoped that firms who are members of the Chamber will encourage their assistants, at any rate those on first agreements, to take the language course. A new class for beginners will be started in September and will be duly advertised.

A number of important questions require to be dealt with in the near

future. One of these is the British Empire Exhibition to be held under the patronage of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales at Wembley Park, London, during 1924, and this Chamber as well as the Chinese Chamber of Commerce has been approached by the Government with a request that they will cooperate in an endeavour to make the Hongkong section a success. As seen as full particulars regarding arrangements exhibits etc., are available publicity will be given to them and in the meantime the Government has signified its intention of nominating Sir Newton Stubb and Mr. Genshom Stewart as this Colony's representatives on the General Committee.

While on the subject of Exhibitions, I might state that the British Trade Ship, which was to have visited this Port in the present year, will not, owing to world wide trade depression, reach Hongkong until 1924.

A FRAUDULENT PRACTICE.

We have been glad to receive the wholehearted co-operation of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in an endeavour to check a fraudulent business practice which has recently grown to some considerable dimensions. Certain small Chinese traders have resorted to the plan of assigning their business assets, but not their liabilities, to another person, or to themselves trading under another name. An advertisement is published in the newspapers that the business of the firm is assigned to "So and So," who however, does not accept the debts and liabilities of the firm. By this means favourable contracts are retained and unfavourable ones abandoned, to the grievous detriment of the creditors. It seems a fairly simple matter to check such a fraudulent practice and the method proposed is, shortly, to require that such an assignment of assets excluding liabilities must be advertised say in the *Government Gazette* and further, that if the seller is adjudicated bankrupt within a certain period after publication of the advertisement, the purchaser shall be deemed to have assumed the liabilities. The Chamber's Legal Sub-Committee has rendered invaluable assistance in dealing with this question, and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce—whose members have suffered from this form of fraud as much as, or even more than our own—has notified its wholehearted support of the notion proposed to be taken and has offered to appoint representatives to wait, with us, upon the Attorney General, and to produce evidence of the real need for legislation to protect honest traders from financial trickery of the nature I have described.

TELEPHONES.

The vexed question of the Telephone, as you are aware, has again been brought before the public, through the action of the company in issuing a circular to subscribers announcing a large increase in rates as from the beginning of the current month. Your Committee together with the Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Unofficial Members of Council were invited to attend a meeting on 19th June when the negotiations with the Telephone Company for an extension of their licence and the modernising of their system were explained in detail by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary. As a result of that meeting a Sub-Committee of the two Chambers was appointed to examine the experts' valuations and the proposed new agreement with the Company, and in the meantime the question of increased telephone subscription is in abeyance. The Company's licence expires in 1930 and until then they are under an obligation to provide and maintain a good and efficient service with approved modern appliances at the existing rates of subscription, and seeing that they were able in 1921 to pay a dividend of 10% plus a bonus of 10% it can scarcely be argued they are operating at considerable loss. There exists at present no provision for the continuity of the telephone service after the expiry of the present agreement with the Company, and therefore the question of an extension of the existing licence, and a revision of rates with a view to making provision for continuity of service and progressive development of the telephone system on modern lines has been raised now instead of at the termination of the existing agreement with the Telephone Company some eight years hence. I hope the joint Committee now sitting will be able to suggest an equitable arrangement and one which will prove acceptable to the general public and the Telephone Company.

As you are aware these quarterly meetings of the Chamber have been arranged to give members an opportunity of discussing the work done during the quarter and to receive suggestions that any member may wish to make. The meeting is now open for discussion.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Airey asked whether the bonus and dividend paid by the Telephone Company were free of taxes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A SUGGESTION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—It is generally known that the California Glee Club due to arrive here to-day is a versatile company of entertainers. It is also public property that it includes a strong nine that will try conclusions with the pick of Hongkong ball players on Saturday afternoon. But the fact that the Glee Club also includes a tennis player of outstanding merit named Bates seems to be overlooked; hence this letter, written in the hope that it will catch the eyes of our energetic tennis officials with the result that a match between him and Ng Sze Kwong will be arranged.

From a copy of "The North China Herald" just to hand, I gather that Bates, the leader of the California tennis four, met and defeated Parbury of Shanghai by three straight sets on the 11th inst. at the Cercle Sportif. A return match was played a few days later before a very large gathering, and again Bates won, taking the odd set in five. I do not know in what part of the tennis firmament of Shanghai is Parbury shining, but he was for many years the champion of Hankow, and whilst on a visit to Shanghai in 1916, met and defeated Toussaint, the well-known Dutch player. The winner over Parbury in two consecutive contests is no tyro at tennis, and a match between Bates and the local champion should appeal to all lovers of this popular game. And it is my humble opinion that this golden opportunity to provide the public with classic tennis should not be missed.

Yours, etc.,
C. G. A.

Hongkong, July 21, 1922.

BASEBALL.

TO-MORROW'S BIG GAME.

Captain Koch, the leader of the local baseball nine, wants those Californian lads to understand that Hongkong is out to win. Further than that he is feeling pretty confident as to the outcome of to-morrow's argument. This week the local men have had a couple of fast and snappy try-outs. Their showing in these has been very encouraging. Those in charge of the seating arrangements are making preparation to handle big crowds as a large amount of interest has been evinced by both Americans and British and several big parties have asked for reservations in the stands. Gilson or Brown are to start the game in the box for Hongkong. The final choice of triffles has not yet been made. It depends on how the men shape in the preliminary warm up. The line up will be practically the same as that which prevailed against Canton last Saturday with the exception that Bradford may play right field. If Brown is not pitching it is possible that he may take the right field position. The two doctors will diagnose the case.

Mr. Van Andel, referring to the reference in the Chairman's speech to piece goods contracts, enquired whether the new conditions as discussed with the Chinese Piece Goods Guild would be placed before the piece goods dealers and the Chamber before being finally adopted and circulated. Would members have an opportunity of discussing them?

The Chairman replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Bennett: Can you inform us when the Committee is likely to complete its report on the telephones?

The Chairman: I will ask Mr. Lowe to answer that question.

Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe: When Mr. Bennett gives us the information on which we can base the report.

Mr. Bennett: We have already supplied all the information relative to the subject—some weeks ago now. May I refer to the 10 per cent? Of course the dividend is on the nominal capital of the Company, not on the outlay—not on the amount of money spent on the business. I think members of the Chamber should understand that.

The Chairman: I have no doubt the Committee will take these matters into consideration in compiling their report.

Mr. G. W. Sewell asked whether any steps had been taken by the Chamber with the view to further extending the time of exclusion on Germans returning to the Colony.

The Chairman mentioned that he had dealt with that matter in his speech before the arrival of Mr. Sewell. If Mr. Sewell desired he would read it again.

Mr. Sewell remarked that there was no need to do that.

The Chairman: The Ordinance expires next month.

There being no further discussion the Chairman brought the meeting to a close by thanking members for their attendance.

SPECIAL CABLE.

SINGAPORE TENNIS.

DEAN BEATS WODEHOUSE

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, July 21.

In the Singapore tennis tournament Dean beat Wodehouse 6-2, 6-3 and enters the final. It will be remembered that a few days ago, Wodehouse, who was formerly in Hongkong, created a sensation in Singapore by beating a well known Japanese player.

OUR TELEPHONES.

HON. MR. LOWE REPLIES TO MR. BENNETT.

We have been handed for publication the following letter which has been addressed to-day by the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe Chairman of the Joint Chambers of Commerce Telephone Committee to the manager of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. H. S. Bennett):—

Dear Sir,—Referring to your remarks made at the Quarterly Meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, reported in the local Press, I desire to call your attention to one or two inaccuracies therein.

In the first place you stated the 10 per cent. (free of tax) dividend was paid on the Nominal Capital which you will find stated in your Balance Sheet at £75,000. As a matter of fact the dividend was paid on the Issued Capital, also stated in your Balance Sheet at £39,761. This correction is of course in your favour. Secondly you went on to state that the Dividend was not declared on the amount of money spent in the business—not on the outlay. Naturally no company does this or usually (except your Company) ever has any hope of being in a position to do so, but you omitted to state that the money spent in the business (Plant only), according to your own Balance Sheet is £115,958 from which no depreciation has been written since 1907, or that what your Company want to do is to write this up to a (so called) fair value figure of £195,359 and charge enough to pay 12% on the latter figure. If you are correctly reported I take it your Company is now willing to come down to a basis of outlay or money spent £115,958 less a reasonable allowance for depreciation and obsolescence and if so there need be little or no delay in arriving at a settlement. In other words as a recent American judgment expresses it "The public ought not to be compelled to pay an excessively high rate of return upon inflated values arbitrarily placed on near obsolete equipment."

Thirdly, you mention that all the information relative to the subject has been handed to my Committee, but you omitted to state that particulars requiring an answer, which might have a derogatory effect on the Company's claim, could not or would not be supplied.

NEW GRAB DREDGER FOR HONGKONG.

Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd., have completed a self propelling steam grab dredger for the Hongkong Government. The vessel is built of steel and classed at Lloyd's 100 A.I. and is sufficiently strong to lie aground without injury. The vessel is fitted with winches and capstans and accommodation for the master and crew. The dredging gear (supplied by the Anglo Chinese Engineers Association) is of the Priestman improved standard type with hoisting gear, control levers, Double Chain Grabs for mud, gravel and clay, and is capable of dredging to a depth of 40 ft. below water level. The grab having a capacity of 40 cubic ft. can be hoisted at a speed of 140 ft. per minute. The dredger is now in service on the New Praya East Reclamation.

CAMERAS PILFERED.

Messrs. Hall Law and Co., yesterday took delivery of 35 cases of cameras from the Kowloon godowns. All the cases were examined before being carried away, and found to be intact, but when they were opened at the shop, 15 cameras worth £2,250, were missing from one of the cases. The police were informed, but on examining the case, they have come to the conclusion that the cameras could not have been stolen here, but were pilfered during the packing of the case or in the course of transit.

WHEN YOU EAT TOO MUCH.

Distress to the stomach after eating is relieved by taking one of Chamberlain's Tablets. Try it the next time you eat more than you should. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

TO-DAY'S ROBBERY.

CHINESE SHOP RANSACKED IN DES VOUEX ROAD WEST.

Robbers entered a Chinese firm in Des Voux Road West this morning and made a haul of jewellery and money worth \$300.

The firm concerned was the Wing Lee Yuen Co., of No. 17, Des Voux Road West, first floor, the entrance to which is either through another shop on the ground floor, or by a side entrance opening into Queen Street, a side street running from the tramlines in Des Voux Road to the waterfront. The robbers entered by the Queen Street entrance and made their way upstairs without attracting the attention of any of the folk of the ground-floor shop.

According to information a China Mail reporter was able to glean at the Wing Lee Yuen firm, the robbery was committed at 9.20 a.m. The folk of the shop had just finished their morning meal when two men entered the front part of the flat, used as a sitting room for clients of the firm. They were followed by three or four other men. All were respectably dressed. The two men who had entered first immediately made their way to the verandah. One of the others went up to the secretary of the firm and asked "Are you not Mr. Tam?" When he had received a reply in the affirmative, the man said "Then hand over your keys. We have come to search the place for arms."

When the secretary seemed disinclined to believe their leader, the strangers for the first time since they entered gave the people in the shop to understand that they were prepared to suppress whatever resistance and pulled out revolvers from their girdle to emphasize it. Then the shop people's suspicion that they were robbers were confirmed, and as some of the men said afterwards, although the weapons which the strangers held in their hands did not appear to them to be real revolvers, still they were not taking any chances by raising the alarm, and all submitted.

The leader threatened the secretary and drove him into a cubicle, behind the sitting room, which was used as the office where the safe was kept. Here the man again demanded the keys from the secretary, but Mr. Tam told him that he did not have them. The man searched him, but found nothing. Then the robbers decided to force open the safe. They made a good attempt and succeeded in removing the patent disc, but the lock held against the fiercest attack and the attempt had to be given up as hopeless. It was fortunate for the firm that the safe had withstood the attack, for it contained several thousands of dollars which had been collected by the firm on the previous day and had been kept there during the night, prior to paying it into the bank this morning.

The robbers then went to the verandah where a refugee from Canton, who was putting up in the shop, was lying on a camp bed. Thinking he was the master of the shop they searched him for the keys but were again unsuccessful. Then the robbers returned to the office and made a second attempt on the safe. While they were thus engaged, a commotion in the street caused by some people while drawing water at a fountain, frightened them and thinking that the police had arrived, they left the place hurriedly.

A search of the office after the robbers' departure, revealed the fact that they had ripped open a leather hand bag belonging to the Canton refugee and stolen some jewellery worth \$500 and \$300 in cash. Some costly silk clothing was left strewn all over the floor, the robbers evidently hesitating to take it because it was too bulky to carry without detection. The noise made running down the stairs attracted the attention of the people in the shop downstairs and they went up to see what was the matter and when they saw the shop people were all bound and gagged they rushed to the verandah and blew police whistles. By this time however, the robbers were already all out of sight, and no one knew which way they had gone. Four of the gagged men were clients who visited the shop while the robbers were there and they were quickly overpowered and disposed of as they entered.

The robbers spent about half an hour in the shop tackling the safe, and it is evident that they had intended to stay until they had succeeded in cribbing it.

Four cases of plague, three of which resulted in death, were reported yesterday.

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POSITION AT CANTON.

"OUTLOOK DEAD."

HONGKONG MAN'S VIEW.

"The outlook is absolutely dead," declared a Hongkong businessman who has just returned from Canton, when interviewed by a China Mail reporter this morning.

He said that in the city itself it was possible now to drive a car along the East Bund at forty miles an hour without risking the life of anybody whereas in the piping times of peace one could with difficulty thread his way through at an eight mile an hour crawl. Looting is going on everywhere; the soldiers, to whichever side they belong, seem all to be tarred with the same brush. Sun's warships are lying in a crescent shaped formation off Shamsen with the foreign cruisers in between them and the island. The latter have threatened to sink the first of Sun's ships that fires on Canton or Shamsen. But that, of course, would not prevent Sun from shifting his position and bombarding from down river and the people in Canton have a perpetual "wind up" feeling about it.

Chan Kwing-ming, our reporter was told, will not come and take charge at Canton because he fears that if he does so Sun will immediately bombard the city. In the meantime he is steadily losing ground with the populace because he stops away. Sun probably knows this and is hanging on in the hope that he may be asked to come back and take over the Presidential reins. The feeling amongst Chinese business men now is that they are so sick of having to bolt and bar their shops against marauders that they don't care who comes back as long as he takes charge and gets things somehow or other back to normal.

The business man expressed the opinion that Sun was "finished" and would soon find himself compelled to give up the struggle. The latest news in Canton when he was there was that Hui Song-chee's three columns had been defeated at Shikwan and it was known that General Ip Kai was making it very difficult for Sun to get supplies of money, ammunition or food up to his troops in the North.

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The Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, M.A., Chaplain of the Cathedral, assisted by the Rev. J. T. Holman, M.A., Assistant Chaplain, officiated at the ceremony which was fully choral, the hymns "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," and "Now thank we all our God," being sung by the Cathedral choir, with Mr. Donnan Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., presiding at the organ.

The bride who was led to the altar by Capt. Oliver, R.G.A., looked beautiful in a gown of white satin, embroidered with pearls, with a court train of the same material. She wore a veil of net with a crown of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white flowers tied with silver ribbon.

Miss Thom was in attendance as bridesmaid, and she was charmingly attired in mauve organdie with black tulle hat. The train bearers were the little Miss Elizabeth and Daphne Oliver who also wore pretty "reuses" of mauve organdie with bonnets of the same material. Master Peter Lindsell acted as page in a neat sailor suit.

Mrs. Oliver who represented the bride's mother and was the hostess at the reception which was subsequently held at the Volunteer Headquarters, wore a dress of grey crepe satin with jet belt and black hat.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell performed the duties of bestman while Mr. E. W. Hamilton and Mr. F. S. Harrison acted as ushers. The bridegroom wore the full dress uniform of his office.

After the ceremony, the register was signed in the vestry in the presence of H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Severn. The happy pair then walked down the aisle to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," and at the porch they passed under an arch of crossed swords formed by European and Indian warders and guards in full uniform, to their motor car.

There was a large gathering in the Cathedral during the ceremony, including H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., LL.D.), Mrs. Severn and Mrs. Bullock, the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.) and Lady Lees Davies, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., and Mrs. Fletcher, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., and Mrs. Kemp, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Mrs. Hallifax, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood and Mrs. Wood, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. J. Woodhouse, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. King, Mr. and Mrs. D. Burlingham, Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Mr. F. S. Harrison, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. G. C. Perdue, Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Chief Justice, J. McLeod and Mrs. McLeod, Chief Justice, J. C. West, Mr. M. K. Lo, Lt.-Col. Delacombe, D.S.O., and Mrs. Delacombe, Major Hickling, Major and Mrs. P. S. Tomlinson, Dr. L. J. Smalley, Dr. D. J. Valentine, Dr. W. W. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell, Hon. Mr. S. B. C. Ross, Surg.-Comd., and Mrs. A. A. Sand, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Rose Ng, and many other ladies.

THE RECEPTION.

A reception was afterwards held in the Hall of the Volunteer Headquarters, which had been beautifully decorated with flags, palms and flowers. A large collection of beautiful presents was arranged on a long table on one side of the Hall, which was well filled by nearly 300 guests. Capt. and Mrs. Oliver were the host and hostess.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher proposed the health of the happy couple and in doing so congratulated the bridegroom on his good fortune. The bride, he said, was now to the Colony, but he was sure the Civil Service would join with him in extending a most cordial welcome to her. If Mrs. Franks considered that civil servants in the Colony had an

easy time, he added, she was labouring under a delusion. They were all hard worked and Mr. Franks was known to them all as a most energetic officer, holding a strenuous and difficult job.

Mr. Franks responded suitably and in turn submitted the toast of the bridesmaids and page. Mr. R. E. Lindsell replied to the toast.

Mr. and Mrs. Franks afterwards motored to the Repulse Bay Hotel and proceeded to-day to Java where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's going away dress was of dark blue crepe satin with pipings of red crepe de chine, and she wore a dark blue hat to match.

LIST OF PRESENTS.

Bride to Bridegroom, ring; Bridegroom to bride, dressing table set; H.E. the acting Governor and Mrs. Severn, blackwood tea table; Sir William and Lady Rees Davies, silver ink pot; Mr. and Mrs. A. Dyer Ball, silver sweet dish; Mr. An Kin, toothpick holders; Miss J. W. Meadows, a silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. Monteith Webb, tea table cloth and d'oyles and a cut glass claret jug; Miss Sweeney a table centre and d'oyles; Mrs. Rosa Pereira, pair croquet chair backs; Mr. and Mrs. de Rome, pair engravings; Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, silver mustard pot, pepper pot and salt cellar; Rev. F. Valtorta, pair Cloisonne vases; Prison Indian Staff, silver tray; Major C. Wilson, silver sauce boat; Mrs. M. Bradenburgh, silver napkin rings; Mrs. Asie, silver toothpick holders; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Winslow, entrée dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. West, silver cake dish; Dr. D'Aquino, silver tea strainers; Mr. Li Ip and Mr. Lai Chi, silver napkin rings; Mr. I. Dallin, silver pepper pots; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sim, silver flower vases; Mr. E. W. Hamilton, silver toast rack; Mrs. Teeddale Mackintosh, silver cigarette box; Mr. and Mrs. P. P. J. Woodhouse, cheque; Mrs. Seely, silver and glass butterdish; Dr. and Mrs. I. J. Smalley, silver sauce cellar; Mr. H. Griffin, silver fruit dish; Hon. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kemp, silver sweet dishes; Mrs. and Miss Stubbings silver toast rack; Major and Mrs. P. S. Tomlinson, embroidered tray cloth; Dr. G. W. McKean, silver bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Lo Cheung Shui, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lo, and Mr. and Mrs. K. Lo cut glass decanter; Mr. R. E. O. Bird, coffee machine; The Principal Wardens and Wardens, Prison Dept., silver tea and coffee service; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell, cut glass jug; Miss Innes, ivory shoe horn; Miss Schneider, embroidered tea cloth and cake d'oyles; Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Watson, silver sauce cellars; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood, embroidered and lac-ted tea cloth; Dr. D. J. Valentine, blackwood and silver tray; Mr. Lam Yun Toi and Mr. Lam Ki Kin, a pair of Cloisonne vases; Clerical Staff Prison Dept., K'ang Hee green vase; Mr. K. Ha Chun and Mr. To Yee, jade and gold pendant and pair jade and gold links; Dr. W. W. Pearce, blackwood table; Mr. Herbert Smith, silver napkin rings; Dr. A. R. Ealer, silver sweet dish; Rev. O. Copley Moyle, Lowell's poems; Mr. and Mrs. J. McLeod, pair silver flower vases; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, silver cake dish; Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Smith, silver salver; Hon. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. M. Fletcher, case of ten knives; Mr. and Mrs. D. Burlingham, pair cut glass vases; Major C. Hickling and Major W. Down, pair silver sweet dishes; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Redmond, cut glass flower vase; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. C. Ross, silver cigarette box; Mr. J. W. Alabaster, silver clothes brush; Surg.-Comd. and Mrs. A. A. Sanders, silver sweet dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Quinn, pair flower vases; Miss Rose Ng, silver photograph frame; Paymaster Lt. K. White, damascene and blackwood box; Miss Barnes, ivory photograph frame; Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Brown, silver fruit dish; Hon. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hallifax, ivory mirror; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stark, entrée dish; Lt. Col. and Mrs. R. M. Cross and Dick, hand bag and embroidered crepe de chine scarf; Miss R. Darley, ivory photograph frame, powder box and hair pin box; Mr. G. N. Orme, pair embroidered tea cloths; Mr. M. T. Johnson, pair silver sweet dish; Mr. M. J. Breen, case tea knives and forks; Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Thomas, pair silver pickle forks, Prof. and Mrs. Knecht Digby, set silver tea spoons; Mr. and Mrs.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

SUN LIFE'S PEKING AND TIENTSIN AGENT ARRESTED.

SHANGHAI July 20.

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LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Soudan, (P. & O.) from Shanghai.—A3.
Hok Canton, (Wo Hing) from Kwong-chow-wan.—Co's Wharf.
Yokohama Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Vancouver, Shanghai.—Kowloon Wharf.
Van Cloon, J.C.J.L. from Amoy, Swatow.—A27.
Kwangtung, (B. & S.) from Bangkok.—B23.
Suiyang, (B. & S.) from Canton.—B11.
Kanchow, (B. & S.) from Canton.—C34.

Cheong Shing, (J. M. & Co.) from Tientsin, Wei hai wei.—C33.
Nelson, (B. & S.) from New York, Manila.—A1.
Ting Sang, (J. M. & Co.) from Canton.—C33.
Kut Sang, (J. M. & Co.) from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf.
Doen Samud, (B. & S.) from Bangkok.—C41.
Sunning, (B. & S.) from Shanghai Swatow.—B12.

DEPARTURES.

Venice Maru, (N. Y. K.) for Muroran, Shanghai.—July 20.
Taikwa Ma u, (Y. K. K.) for Keelung, Swatow.—July 20.
Taka Maru, (M.B.K.) for Hongay.—July 20.
Yue Ying Wa, (Cheong Yu) for Tournay.—July 21.
Suiyang, (B. & S.) for Shanghai, Amoy.—July 21.
Hapthor, (Lee Beng Kee) for Bangkok.—July 21.
Jason, (B. and S.) for Hankow, Shanghai.—July 21.
Hague Maru, (O. S. K.) for Singapore.—July 21.
Macassar Maru (Nanyo Y. K.) for Woi.—July 21.
Sanning, (B. & S.) for Canton.—July 21.
Shin On, (Dodwell) for Chiowantao.—July 21.
Rock Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Calcutta, Singapore.—July 22.
Van Cloon, (J.C.J.L.) for Deli, Singapore.—July 22.
Haitan, (Man Wing) for Haiphong, Hoikow.—July 22.

L. Perkins, case silver tea spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Morgan, case silver coffee spoons; Mr. D. W. Treatman and Mr. A. E. Wood, pair silver cut glass dishes; Mr. George Hastings, pair silver butter knives; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cartwright, four silver sweet dishes; Mr. Alfred Hall, case silver tea knives; Mr. F. Sinton, case silver tea spoons, and sugar tongs; Dr. F. Lee, carved ivory box; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, blackwood table; Prof. and Mrs. Middleton Smith, picture; Mr. and Mrs. Elden Potter, pair silver sauce boats and spoons in case; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Nibbet, pair silver sweet dish; Lt. Col. and Mrs. Orpen Sanders, silver sauce boats; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Penman, satin cushion covers; Mr. J. Berentzen, sweet dish and pickle jar; Mr. O. F. Maltby, silver salt cellars; Mr. W. Marston, silver flower vases; Insp. Mahinder Singh, carved ivory bucket; Mr. Ng Sze Kwong, silver and blackwood tray; Peter and Helen Lindsell, blackwood tray; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, silver clock; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davidson, cut glass jug; Miss Thom, silver card case; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lemmert, cut glass bowl; Mr. C. G. Perdue, case silver tea spoons; Mr. F. C. Jenkin, set glass table ware; Miss Wells, ivory paper knife; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dowbiggin, silver cream sugar basin; Messrs. Dunnott, Pugh, Elton and Robinson, ivory brush and comb; Mrs. V. Chan, tea strainer; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wei, silver frame; Mr. and Mrs. Killard, coffee spoons; Misses Irving, jam jar; Miss Betty Bromwich fan; Mr. F. S. Harrison, cheque; Capt. Oliver, cheque; Mr. Woodhouse, cheque; Mrs. Oliver, ring; Mrs. Stephenson, jewellery and bridal wreath; Miss Betty and Daphne—Oliver, shoe buckles; Commander and Mrs. Beckwith, silver nut crackers; Mr. J. A. E. Bnlcock, silver date block and inkstand.

ALLEGED INSURANCE CONSPIRACY AT SHANGHAI.

A CHARGE IN BRITISH POLICE COURT; COMPANIES SAID TO BE NON-EXISTENT.

The N.O.D.N. of July 15 reports:

A case of alleged conspiracy to defraud came before Mr. G. W. King at H. M. Police Court yesterday. The accused, A. M. Spence, described as an insurance manager, of No. 8 Kiangle Road, was charged that between May 1 and July 12 he did unlawfully conspire with others to defraud such persons as should thereafter be induced to part with money to them as agents of the German-American Fire and Marine Insurance Co., of Baltimore, Maryland, and the World's Insurance Underwriters, of Jersey City, New Jersey, by falsely representing these companies to be genuine fire insurance companies.

(In connection with this case, another British subject was arrested yesterday.)

Mr. R. O. Faithfull appeared to prosecute. Accused was not legally represented.

Mr. Faithfull said he proposed shortly to open the case and then apply for a remand. The case for the prosecution would be that defendant, in conjunction with Wallace, who was now in the custody of the Mixed Court, opened an office at No. 8 Kiangle Road and held themselves out to be the agents of the German-American Co. of Baltimore, and the World's Insurance Underwriters of Jersey City, but the prosecution expected to be able to produce satisfactory evidence to show that these companies did not exist and that the whole thing was a fraud. Counsel said he had not yet had an opportunity of going through the papers collected in the office of the accused at the time of his arrest.

A Chinese would give evidence that, attracted by an advertisement appearing in the "Sincan pao," he got in touch with the accused, being interviewed by Wallace, and agreed to put up Tia. 1,000 as a guarantee. It was also understood by an agreement entered into on May 20 that he, as co-principal, was to find various sums which might be required from time to time for the business, and within the space of two months he provided altogether no less than between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

His Worship—That has nothing to do with the present charge.

Mr. Faithfull—I simply mention that to show the method of operation.

His Worship—It shows nothing except that this man agreed to act as co-principal and provide certain money.

Mr. Faithfull—I quite admit that.

His Worship—Well, we don't want to go off into side issues.

Mr. Faithfull—I understand that the office has issued several policies.

His Worship—Ah, that is more material.

THE PREMIUMS.

Mr. Faithfull—On the majority of these policies premiums have not been paid. There was some arrangement under which no premium was payable within three months of the date of the policy, so that up to now no complaints have been made against the policy by people who effected insurance. But we have one person who took out a policy and paid Tia. 15 or Tia. 16 in the belief that it was a genuine policy of insurance against fire and lightning.

His Worship—You are only going to prove that one man paid money?

Mr. Faithfull—Yes.

His Worship—Only one?

Mr. Faithfull—I understand we shall be able to produce more than one. The particular one I mentioned is signed by the defendant. Both Wallace and Spence signed policies, and we shall be able to produce policies signed by them. I shall be able to produce first hand evidence that these companies do not exist.

Det.-Sgt. Yorke stated that he received a warrant from the Court on Wednesday afternoon and at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning he went to the office of the two insurance companies at No. 8 Kiangle Road, on the second floor. He waited for Mr. Spence in the office. Det.-Sgt. Douglas found accused in the Trocadero bar and brought him to the office. Upon entering the office, witness read the warrant to him and cautioned him. He said: "I understand. I am going to be the goat for this." He was then taken into custody, and remained in the office while witness removed the whole of the office furniture, stationery, and everything connected with the company. Accused was then taken to the Central Police Station and detained. At 4.30 on Thursday afternoon he expressed a desire to make a statement. In the presence of Det.-Inspector Reeves he was cautioned that anything he said would be taken down and he then went to the detective office where he made a statement. Witness wrote the statement and read it over to the accused, who signed it.

Witness handed in the statement to his Worship.

His Worship (to accused)—Do you want to see this statement?

Accused—No.

His Worship—Do you know what is in it?

Accused—Yes.

His Worship—Are you sure?

Accused—Quite sure.

Asked if he had any questions to put to witness, accused said: During the investigations did I lay all the information in the office at his disposal to try and bring the case to a satisfactory conclusion?

Witness—With one exception. On the Monday I received instructions to inquire into the status and origin of these companies.

His Worship—That was before the warrant was issued. Since he has been arrested, has he assisted you in every way?

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Mr. Faithfull—On that evidence, I ask for a remand for a week, to enable us to work the case up. We may have to cable to America.

Asked if he had anything to say, accused said he would like to read his statement.

His Worship—Do you wish it read publicly?

Accused—Yes.

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Mr. Faithfull—Yes.

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Mrs. Mildred Sanders

Quarrelled with her husband over a game of Bridge, and divorced him after being married only two months.



Charles M. Powell

Charles M. Mohr

All three charged in connection with the shooting of a showman called Brunson (the woman's husband).



Mrs. Iona K. Hinkle

Known on the stage as Iona Thurston. She loves pretty things.



Miss Edna Barry

Ottawa school teacher who jumped into a Chicago millionaire's motor car under the impression it was a taxi. They were married on June 26. Quite a romance.



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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

CHINESE STUDENTS FOR BRITAIN.

LONDON, July 19th. Sir W. De Bree, in a letter to the Times, emphasises the urgency of stimulating the selection of Chinese students for Britain.

The letter declares it is vital to British commercial interests to have as many Chinese students as possible here, as the student of today is the commercial traveller or merchant of tomorrow. Other Governments, notably the United States and France, recognise this, but not a few of the Chinese students who recently arrived in England for study, found openings non-existent, and went to Germany. It is declared that this is not merely a matter for the educational authorities. Sir W. De Bree cannot understand why manufacturers and merchants do not realise that indifference to this subject is playing into the hands of our rivals.

As regards the Far Eastern trade, they ought not merely to press the Government to encourage students, but try by some form of organisation, to see that Chinese students get all the technical training they require.

The whole thing is a question of finance, and it is said that the Prime Minister, while not indisposed to give way in respect of the cancellation of the Boxer indemnity, is not convinced that the public really care. Sir W. De Bree cannot imagine that this is so.

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RISE IN PRICE OF CARDIFF COAL.

LONDON, July 19th. The best Admiralty coal rose sixpence a ton, at Cardiff, in consequence of the increased orders from America, which show signs of developing considerably.

ANOTHER INDIAN STRIKE.

CALCUTTA, July 19th. Strikes have broken out in three jute mills, Kamrathi, Khuruli, and Tighur. A demand has been made for increased wages and 28,000 employees are affected. Partial strikes have occurred at Hughly and Howrah jute mills.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

ENTERTAINMENTS.

July 21.—Coronet Theatre: Harold Lloyd in "I Do" Fred Stone in "The Goat." World Theatre: William D. Taylor's "The Furnace" by "Pan." Kowloon Theatre, Hobart Bosworth in "White Hounds."

PUBLIC AUCTION SALES.

July 22.—Hughes and Hough: sundry household furniture. Sales Rooms, 10.30 a.m.

July 24.—Lammert Bros. household furniture, one victrola with records etc., No. 36 B. (Top Floor) Nathan Road, Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

July 25.—Lammert Bros. Piano player, massage machine, typewriters and sundry goods. Sales Rooms, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETING.

July 27.—Saudakan Light and Power Company (1922) Ltd., Statutory meeting of shareholders, Shewan Tomes and Co.'s offices, 11 a.m.

August 18.—Union Insurance society of Canton Ltd. Queen's Buildings at noon. British Traders' Insurance Co. Ltd., Queen's Buildings, 12.10 p.m. China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Queen's Buildings, 12.15 p.m.

MISTAKES THAT MOTHERS MAKE.

Many mothers give their children solid food at too early an age and are proud that their babies "eat everything that grown up people do," when such a course is almost certain to bring on indigestion and to lay the foundation of much ill-health.

Others administer harsh nauseating purgatives, and thus make the little ones fear medicine, at the same time irritating and injuring their delicate stomachs and bowels.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.A.A.L. Motorship "Tonerville" (Norwegian Afloat and Australia Line, China and Australia Line, China and Japan Service) has left Singapore for Hongkong.

The D.F.S. "Ducalion" left Port Said on July 19 for Boston and New York.

The B.F.S. "Eurylochus" left Port Said on July 19 for London, Amsterdam and Antwerp.

The B.F.S. "Telemaachus" arrived at Liverpool on July 14.

The P. & O. "Khyber" arrived at London on July 19.

The B.F.S. "Cyclops" for New York and Bremen left Shanghai on July 18 for Kragell and this port.

The R.F.S. "Helenus" arrived at London on July 19.

The B.F.S. "Elpenor" for London, Amsterdam and Antwerp left Shanghai on July 19 for this port via Foochow.

The U.P.S. "R.M.S." "Empress of Canada" arrived at Manila on July 19 at 11 a.m., leaves Manila to-day July 20, at 10 a.m., is due at Hongkong to-day at 4.30 p.m. and will berth at Kowloon Wharf, Pier No. 5.

Messrs. Arnold Bros. agents for the Hamburg-America Line, advise that the motorship "Havelland" left Suva on July 10 for Singapore and Hongkong.

The C.P.S. "R.M.S." "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobo on July 18 at 4.30 p.m., left Kobo on July 19 at noon and was due at Yokohama to-day at 9 a.m.

The P. & O. "Soudan" left Shanghai for this port on July 18 at 6 a.m. and is due here to-day at about 5 a.m.

The P.M.S. "President Wilson" (formerly the "Empire State") sailed from Shanghai on July 18. She is due to arrive at Hongkong on July 22, sailing again on July 23 at noon for San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan, and Honolulu.

The N.Y.K. "Katori Maru" (European Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on July 17 and is expected here tomorrow.

The S.S. "Neleus" (Blue Funnel Line) left Manila on July 18 for St. Nazaire, London and Rotterdam via Hongkong. The vessel is due here to-day and will sail to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. "Lyons Maru" (Liverpool Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on July 16 and is expected here to-morrow.

The B.I. (Apaca Line) s.s. "Tander" left Singapore on July 18 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on or about July 23.

The N.Y.K. "Katori Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on June 14 and is expected here on July 23.

The B.I. (Apaca Line) s.s. "Tanda" is expected to arrive at Hongkong on or about July 23.

The N.Y.K. "Kamakura Maru" (Bombay Line) left Bombay for Hongkong via Singapore on July 8 and is expected here on July 23.

The T.K.K. "Korea Maru" arrived at Yokohama on July 7 and sailed July 10 via Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Manila, being due at Hongkong on July 23.

The s.s. "Machson" (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on July 19 p.m. for Hongkong and is due here on July 24.

The N.Y.K. "Kamakura Maru" (Bombay Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on July 18 and is expected here on July 24.

The N.Y.K. "Kamakura Maru" (Bombay Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji on July 17 and is expected here on July 24.

The P. & O. "Alipore" left Singapore for this port on July 20 at 8 a.m. and is due here on July 25 at about 7 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Bangalore" from Middlebrook, Antwerp and London left Singapore for this port on July 20 and may be expected to arrive here on or about July 26.

The C.P.S. "R.M.S." "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on July 13 and is due here on or about August 2.

The B.F.S. "Thebes" left the Continent on June 28 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due at this port about August 4.

The B.I. (Apaca Line) s.s. "Gregory" arrived at Calcutta on July 17 and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on or about August 4.

The P.M.S. "President Harrison" (formerly the "Wolverine State") is expected to arrive at San Francisco on August 5.

The B.F.S. "Titan" from Liverpool left Suva on July 14 for Straits, Hongkong and Japan and is due here on August 9.

The B.F.S. "Ixion" from Pacific Ports left Victoria, B.C. on July 14 for Yokohama, Kobe and this port and is due here on or about August 12.

The s.s. "City of Lincoln" left New York on June 13 and is due to arrive at Hongkong on August 15.

The B.F.S. "Hector" left Liverpool on July 8 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is expected to arrive here on or about August 15.

The B.F.S. "Teiresias" left Liverpool on July 15 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due to arrive here on or about August 19.

The B.F.S. "Ajax" left New York on July 8 via Suez for Straits, Philippines, Hongkong and Kragell and is due here on or about Sept. 4.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Goods per s.s. "Pera" remaining undelivered after to-day will be subject to rent. Agents—Messrs. Backhouse, Ltd.

All goods per s.s. "Emden" remaining undelivered after to-day will be subject to rent. Agents—Arnold Bros. & Co., Ltd.

Cargo from the s.s. "City of Manchester" not cleared by to-day will be subject to rent. No claims against the ship will be recognised after July 28. Agents—Bank Line.

Cargo by the s.s. "Van Closen" not cleared by July 23 will be subject to rent.

Cargo per s.s. "West Ivan" remaining undelivered after July 23 will be subject to rent. Broken and damaged goods will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Aulsebrook, on July 28. Agents—Struthers and Barry.

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